

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Yasuhiro UEZU et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed September 23, 2003 : **Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1362**

**METHOD FOR DETERMINING RADIOACTIVE NUCLIDES**  
**(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation**  
**of Serial No. 09/866,776,**  
**Filed May 30, 2001)**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows: